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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Robert J. Royer, Jr., et al.**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**In The Specification**

On page 2, starting at line 10, please replace the paragraph with the following:

In other devices, data is moved from the cache to a non-volatile storage device to preserve the cache data through a system shutdown or power failure. However, in order to use the data that has been stored on the non-volatile storage device, the state of the cache or metadata need to be preserved. If the state is not preserved the system still needs to re-initialize (often called warming) the cache because the state of data currently in the cache is unknown.

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